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RESPONSE

In his July 19, 2004 Office Communication, Examiner Rimell advised the undersigned that the Office Action response, filed on April 29, 2004, was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because claim 14 was recited as being “previously canceled”, although it was not cancelled in any previous amendment. The Examiner has requested that the applicant clarify whether claim 14 is cancelled or not cancelled.

Upon review of our filewrapper, claim 14 has NOT been cancelled in any previous amendment. The undersigned submits the claims as presented in the Office Action response, as filed on April 29, 2004, along with claim 14 as originally filed with the application. Claims 1-2, 5-10, 12-18, 20-23, 25-29, 32-35, and 37-40 are pending in this Application.

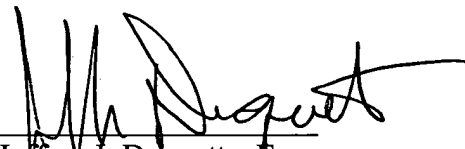
Additionally, the undersigned has voluntarily changed the status identifiers of claims 11, 13, 15-18, 23, 26, 27, 29-31, and 35 to conform with revised 37 CFR 1.121. The change does not add new matter to the application.

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Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0901.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey J. Duquette", written over a horizontal line.

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